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AYATOLLAH KHALKHALI: U.S. 'SPIES' WILL BE PARDOINED IF SHAH HANDED OVER  
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(JOSE V. COLCHERO INTERVIEW OF QOM WITH IRANIAN ISLAMIC  
REVOLUTION COUNCIL MEMBER AYATOLLAH KHALKHAILI: "WE WILL MAKE  
CEMETERY FOR MARINES IF UNITED STATES ATTACKS US"--DATE NOT  
SPECIFIED)

(EXCERPTS) QOM--AYATOLLAH KHALKHALI, MEMBER OF THE ISLAMIC  
REVOLUTION COUNCIL AND KHOMEYNI'S POLITICAL "LEFT-HAND MAN,"  
EMBODIES THE JACOBIN SPIRIT OF THIS REVOLUTION. IF ROBESPIERRE  
CAUSED HEADS TO ROLL ON THE GUILLOTINE, KHALKHALI HAS NOT BEEN  
RELUCTANT TO SEND OPPONENTS TO THE FIRING SQUADS. NOBODY HAS  
SIGNED SO MANY SENTENCES OF DEATH BY SHOOTING. HE DOES NOT  
DISGUISE HIS CRUELTY. HE HIMSELF REGARDS HIMSELF AS THE  
"EICHMANN OF THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION."

PROCEEDING TO SPEAK ABOUT IRAN, HE SPECIFIED, SEEKING TO  
UNDERLINE THE FORCE OF HIS WORDS: "MY OPINION IS THAT OF THE  
IMAM--THAT IS, OF KHOMEYNI. CARTER, WITH THE HELP OF KISSINGER  
AND ROCKEFELLER, HAS GIVEN THE SHAH HOSPITALITY IN THE UNITED  
STATES AND DOES NOT WISH TO HAND HIM OVER TO IRAN. DURING HIS  
FOUL REIGN THE SHAH KILLED 160,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AND STOLE BILLIONS  
OF DOLLARS OF PUBLIC MONEY. THAT IS WHY WE WISH TO BRING THE  
PERSON GUILTY OF ALL THIS BACK TO IRAN AND TRY HIM BEFORE A COURT.  
WHY DOES CARTER WISH TO HELP A MAN WHO HAS DONE ALL THIS? WE  
KNOW THAT A COUNTRY'S EMBASSY IS LIKE THAT COUNTRY'S TERRITORY,  
BUT THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE WAS NOT AN EMBASSY BUT A NEST OF SPIES;  
AND, IN ADDITION TO SPIES, THERE WAS A SET OF COURIERS, AND IT  
ORGANIZED AID FOR THOSE OPPOSING THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC FROM  
ABROAD, THOSE WHOM WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO EXECUTE IN THE  
ISLAMIC COURTS. WE HAVE FOUND DOCUMENTS IN THE EMBASSY WHICH  
DEMONSTRATE THAT THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSION WAS A CENTER OF  
ESPIONAGE OF THE SHAH."

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"IF THE SHAH DIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MONEY WHICH HE TOOK IS NOT RETURNED TO US, WE WILL BRING ALL THE EMBASSY HOSTAGES BEFORE AN ISLAMIC COURT." "THE OPPONENTS OF THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION WERE IN POWER AT THE START OF THE REVOLUTION, THEY HAD ALMOST 500,000 ARMED MEN, AND SAVAK--THE POLITICAL POLICE--COMPRISED 300,000 MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE 40,000 U.S. MILITARY ADVISERS AND 12,000 ISRAELIS. THE PEOPLE HAD NO WEAPONS AND DEFEATED THIS ENTIRE FORCE, URGED ON BY KHOMEYNI--THE IMAM OF ISLAM. NOW, IN ADDITION TO THE IMAM OF ISLAM, WE ARE ARMED. WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF THE UNITED STATES COMING WITH ITS SHIPS, BECAUSE THE 7TH FLEET COULD NOT PREVENT THE U.S. DEFEAT IN VIETNAM, LAOS OR CAMBODIA. WE ARE WAITING FOR THE UNITED STATES TO COME HERE, AND WE WILL MAKE A CEMETERY FOR THE MARINES WITH THE HANDS OF THE ISLAMIC YOUNG PEOPLE."

KHALKHALI EXPLAINED TO US THE TREATMENT WHICH HE WOULD METE OUT TO THE SHAH'S FAMILY. "WE WOULD KILL THE SHAH, FARAH DIBA AND FARAH'S MOTHER, AND ALSO THE SHAH'S SISTER, ASHRAF. WE WOULD ALSO KILL GENERAL OVESI, WHO WAS MILITARY GOVERNOR OF TEHRAN IN THE DAYS OF THE SHAH (NOW IN THE UNITED STATES), AND PALIZBAN (GOVERNOR OF KORDESTAN IN THE DAYS OF THE SHAH, WHO IS NOW SAID TO BE IN IRAQ, INCITING THE KURDS). OF COURSE, WE WOULD ALSO EXECUTE EMAI AND AZARI, PRIME MINISTERS OF THE SHAH WHEN THE REVOLUTION BEGAN, AND, IN ADDITION, BAKHTIAR, THE SHAH'S LAST PRIME MINISTER."

"WE WOULD EXECUTE THE SHAH LIKE HOVEIDA, BUT PUBLICLY. I WOULD HAVE HIM KILLED WITH A SHOT THROUGH THE TEMPLE. I WOULD SENTENCE HIM, AND SOMEBODY--ANY OF MY AIDES--WOULD SHOOT HIM THROUGH THE TEMPLE. I WOULD NOT KILL HIM MYSELF. I HAVE KILLED NOBODY WITH MY OWN HANDS, BECAUSE I AM THE JUDGE OF THE COURT AND MERELY SIGN THE SENTENCE."

I ASKED WHETHER HE WISHES TO ELIMINATE THE SHAH'S ENTIRE FAMILY, AS THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION DID IN THE CASE OF THE TSAR, AND HE REPLIED THAT HE DOES NOT AND THAT THE SHAH'S BROTHERS ARE IN IRAN AND HAVE THANKED HIM THROUGH THE NEWSPAPERS FOR THE WORK WHICH HE IS CARRYING OUT. HE ASSERTED THAT HE DOES NOT SEEK TO KILL THE SHAH'S CHILDREN, EITHER, BECAUSE HE DOES NOT FEAR THE RESTORATION OF THE MONARCHY--SOMETHING WHICH HE DEEMS IMPOSSIBLE.

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KHALKHALI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE SENT COMMANDOS OF THE IRANIAN ISLAMIC REVOLUTION TO KILL THE SHAH. THERE ARE ALSO COMMANDOS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD WITH THE SAME OBJECTIVE; HE DECLINED TO SAY HOW MANY, BUT IMPLIED THAT THERE ARE A GOOD MANY AND ADDED THAT HE HAS ALSO SENT COMMANDOS TO BRITAIN TO KILL BAKHTIAR.

THE JACOBIN AYATOLLAH ASSURED US THAT THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION IS AIDING ALL ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONS WORLDWIDE--THE ERITREAN REVOLUTION, THE REVOLUTION OF THE PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS, THE REVOLUTION IN AFGHANISTAN, THE POLISARIO, AND SO FORTH. I ASKED KHALKHALI ABOUT RELATIONS WITH THE SHI'ITES IN SOVIET ASIA, AND HE REPLIED: "ALL THE IMAMS OF THE MOSQUES THERE ARE GIVING LESSONS ON THE KORAN. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR MOKRI HAS INFORMED ME THAT ALL THE SHI'ITE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES IN THE SOVIET UNION WISH TO VISIT QOM TO SEE IMAM KHOMEYNI AND THAT IRANIAN ULAMAS SHOULD GO TO THE SOVIET UNION TO VISIT THE ULAMAS OF CENTRAL ASIA. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS NOT RELIGIOUS, IT IS SATISFIED WITH THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION AND CREATES NO PROBLEMS FOR THE MUSLIM POPULATION."

I ASKED KHALKHALI, AS A FINAL QUESTION, WHETHER THE SHI'ITES OF SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA--OF BUKHARA, SAMARKAND, AND SO FORTH--WHO USED TO FORM PART OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE, COULD SOME DAY COME TO CONSTITUTE A STATE WITH IRAN. HE SAID THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE--THAT HE HOPES SO--BUT HE DOES NOT WISH TO SPEAK FURTHER ABOUT THIS MATTER AT PRESENT.

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